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Act of 1995, no person are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Complete if Known Effective on 12/08/2004. 10/618,722-Conf. #7414 Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). Application Number July 15, 2003 TRANSMIT Filing Date Haruyuki Suzuki First Named Inventor For FY 2005 **Examiner Name** N. Z. Hindi 2655 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 Art Unit R2184.0090/P090-A TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT Attorney Docket No. (\$) 130.00 METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) Money Order None Other (please identify): x Credit Card Check Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky LLP X Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 04-1073 Deposit Account Name: For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee x | Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of Credit any overpayments fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 **FEE CALCULATION** 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES **EXAMINATION FEES FILING FEES** SEARCH FEES **Small Entity Small Entity Small Entity Application Type** Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fees Paid (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) <u>Fee (\$)</u> 200 Utility 300 150 500 250 100 200 100 50 130 65 100 Design 200 100 300 150 160 80 Plant 600 300 500 250 Reissue 300 150 Provisional 200 100 0 0 0 0 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES **Small Entity** Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee Description Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) 50 Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) 200 100 Multiple dependent claims 360 180 **Multiple Dependent Claims** Fee Paid (\$) **Total Claims** Extra Claims Fee Paid (\$) Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). Fee Paid (\$) Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof Fee (\$) **Total Sheets** Extra Sheets (round up to a whole number) x - 100 = /50 4. OTHER FEE(S) Fees Paid (\$) Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1814 Statutory Disclaimer 130.00 SUBMITTED BY Registration No. (202) 775-4742 Signature 33.082 Telephone

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2005 (Paper No. 20050511), rejecting claims 23-34, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and submits the following remarks.

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Claims 23-34 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,780 (the '780 patent). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant does not believe that any of claims 23-34 are obvious variations of claims 1-22 of the '780 patent. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application, Applicant attaches a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Thus, the rejection of claims 23-34 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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